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<b>Supplemental Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No. 10/538,122	Applicant(s) BURBRIDGE ET AL.
	Examiner ADEL YOUSSEF	Art Unit 2618

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 10/20/2008.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-9,17-19,21-26.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application

2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
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7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

**Examiner's Amendment**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Larry S Nixon, Registration .No 25640 on 12/31/2008.

The applicant amendment was incorporating claim 4 depends on claim 1.

The applicant amendment was incorporating claim 35 and 36 been canceled.

4. **(Amended)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the data is audio and/or video data.

35. **Canceled**

36. **Canceled**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1, 3-9, 17, 18, 19, 21-26 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1, 3-9, 17, 18, 19, 21-26 have been found to be novel and the inventive because prior art of record fails to show or teach a method for coordinating a group of members, the group comprising a first member and one or more other members, each member being arranged to communicate with the other members of the group via a network, the method comprising, at the first one of said group

members: said waiting channel relating to an action or process to be performed; determining from said monitoring if all of the other members have left the waiting channel; find commencing said action or process in the event that it is determined as a result of said monitoring when the messages indicate that all of the other members have left the waiting channel, wherein said action or process to be performed comprises transmitting data onto one or more other channels, the application unit directly recited in independent claims.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **Conclusion**

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adel Y. Youssef whose telephone number is 571-270-3525. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 8am-5pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ANDERSON MATTHEW can be reached on (571)272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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